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AND SYSTEM FOR METHOD RENDERING **OBJECT PROCESSING** AND

ORIENTED NEUTRAL IMAGE DATA

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## **Preliminary Amendment**

The Examiner is respectfully requested to enter following amendments and remarks prior to the Examiner's initial examination.

## In the Claims

Please amend the following claims:

- 1. (Amended) A system for processing object oriented image data, comprising:
- a first parser circuit to parse the object oriented image data into non-neutral image data and neutral image data;
- a second parser circuit to parse the neutral image data into black image data, grey image data, and white image data; and
- a neutral color processing circuit to process only the black image data, grey image data, and the white image data.